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SUBJ: IDF RAZES ARAB STRUCTURES NEAR HEBRON

REF: JERUSALEM 1203

1. THE IDF SEPT. 12 BLOCKED AN ATTEMPT BY LOCAL ARABS TO BUILD A MOSQUE NORTHEAST OF HEBRON IN THE VICINITY OF KIRYAT ARBA, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE ARAB CONSTRUCTION WAS A RESPONSE TO RECENT UNAUTHORIZED AND UNSUCCESSFUL BIDS BY ISRAELI RESIDENTS OF KIRYAT ARBA TO EXPAND THEIR SETTLEMENT BY BUILDING ON A NEARBY HILL.

2. THE IDF ALSO REPORTEDLY DESTROYED THE HOME OF AN ARAB IN THE SAME VICINITY SEPT. 12 ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT HAD BEEN BUILD ON LAND ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION WAS BANNED. PROTESTING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HOUSE, HEBRON MAYOR FAHD QAWASMI HAS DEMANDED THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES OBTAIN LEGAL AUTHORIZATION FROM COURTS BEFORE UNDERTAKING SUCH MEASURES..

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3. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT SLOGANS HAVE APPEARED IN HEBRON CALLING FOR ARAB CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF KIRYAT ARBA AND A SCHOOL STRIKE SEPT. 16.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE BLOCKED UNAUTHORIZED ATTEMPTS BY RESIDENTS OF KIRYAT ARBA TO BUILD ON NEARBY HILL, WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED DURING RECENT VISIT BY THE AMOUNT OF ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION GOING ON INSIDE AND ADJACENT TO THE SETTLEMENT'S SECURITY FENCE. ONE OBSERVER ESTIMATES THAT HOUSING UNITS HAVE DOUBLED IN THE PAST YEAR. ARAB CONSTRUCTION IS ALSO EVIDENCED IN THE VICINITY THOUGH IT IS BY NO MEANS AS EXTENSIVE AS THE ISRAELI PROJECT. MOST ARAB HOUSES HAVE BEEN BUILT TO THE SOUTH OF THE JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON THE HILLS OVERLOOKING HEBRON.  
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